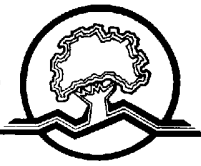


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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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September 20, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

Amendment to Grant SMM-0754 Project Planning and Design

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

The subject grant was awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Project Planning and Design activities in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of Santa Monica Bay. The grant was funded from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The MRCA originally requested \$850,000 for this work. At the Conservancy's July 9, 2007 meeting, the grant was authorized for a reduced amount of \$200,000. The MRCA now requests that the original request be augmented by the amount of \$450,000. Supplemental application materials are attached that provide more detail regarding the original request.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Project Planning and Design		Amount of Request: \$ 450,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 650,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Augmentation SMM 0754	
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		Project Address: N/A	
		County	Senate District
		Los Angeles	various
Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Email: edelman@smmc.ca.gov	
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning		310-589-3230, x128	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Project planning and design activities leading directly to the preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the watersheds of Santa Monica Bay.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description:			
<p>The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) requested Project Planning and Design Services grant augmentation would fund activities directly related to the acquisition, preservation, protection and restoration of land, water and other natural resources and associated planning, permitting, and administrative costs for eligible projects located in the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal watersheds of the Santa Monica Bay. The MRCA will provide direct services related to the expeditious acquisition or improvement of property.</p> <p>The MRCA, in consultation with the Conservancy staff, will develop and implement projects that maximize the protection, enhancement, distribution, and creation of public parks and natural areas throughout the upper Los Angeles River watershed and the coastal canyons of the Santa Monica Bay. The funding will be used for Proposition 84 funding eligible projects in the specific geographic areas listed in the attached figure entitled "Potential Projects List." The scope of these projects shall range from the acquisition and development of urban native habitat parks and trails to the acquisition of habitat linkage lands between the major core habitats of the Santa Monica Mountains zone. MRCA staff efforts will also include the obtainment and processing of land and trail easement dedications and donations. To the extent possible, all planning, design, and implementation efforts shall be multi-objective to integrate increased water supply and quality, wildlife habitat including fisheries, habitat connectivity, and the broad distribution of passive</p>			

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recreational opportunities that may incorporate interpretive displays. All of the subject project planning and design activities would be consistent with the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Project development will strongly focus on combining multiple funding sources to stretch both local and State dollars.

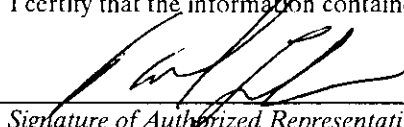
A major component of this grant scope is to bring forth to the Conservancy a primary set of upper Los Angeles River watershed projects to be partially funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's allocation of Proposition 84 funding. The development of that project set, and their resulting scopes, will involve extensive public input to greatly address the paucity of the Conservancy's Workprogram projects in the portions of the watershed that were added to the Conservancy's jurisdiction with the passage of Proposition 50 and carried forth in Proposition 84. That project set will include both acquisition and improvement projects in the array of upper watershed geographic quadrants.

The MRCA requests that the term of agreement end no earlier than December 30, 2008.

Tasks / Milestones:	Budget:	Completion Date
1 Project Planning – upper LA River	\$300,000 (see attachment)	December 30, 2008
2 Project Planning – Santa Monica Bay	\$150,000	December 30, 2008

Acquisition Projects: APN(s): n/a
Acreage: n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.


Signature of Authorized Representative

9-20-07
Date

Interim Form SMM-001

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PROPOSITION 84 - PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

POTENTIAL PROJECT AREA LIST

TASK 2 – COASTAL WATERSHEDS OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY

Land acquisition, trail construction and restoration in the following coastal canyon watersheds within the Santa Monica Mountains zone:

a. Topanga

Acquire surplus Los Angeles County property in the Sylvia Park and Hillside Drive area

Acquire property in the Kerry Lane Area

Acquire property between Mulholland Gateway Park and Garapito Creek stream channel east of Ed Edelman Summit Valley Park

Acquire tax defaulted property throughout watershed

b. Tuna

Acquire property around the perimeter of Tuna Canyon Park and connecting to Las Flores Canyon

c. Las Flores

Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope wildlife corridor and the Coastal Slope Trail between Tuna and Las Flores Canyons

d. Backbone Trail: Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate.

e. Malibu

Acquire property in the upper Stokes Canyon tributary, upper Cold Creek/Dark Canyon tributaries and upper La Sierra Canyon tributary, and dedications along Mulholland Highway in the Cold Creek tributary

f. Puerco

Acquire dedications for the Coastal Slope Trail and additions to Corral Canyon Park

g. Corral

Acquire property to connect Corral Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park and for the Coastal Slope Trail

h. Solstice, Latigo, Escondido, and Ramirez Canyons

Acquire property to maintain a coastal slope, east-west wildlife corridor and the Coastal Slope Trail between Solstice Canyon Park and the Zuma Canyon unit of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Acquire property to connect Solstice Canyon Park with Malibu Creek State Park

i. Encinal

Acquire pending donations and offers to dedicate and tax defaulted property

j. Lechuza

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

k. Los Alisos

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

l. Nicholas

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

m. Arroyo Sequit

Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate

Ballona Creek

Creation of entry Parks along Ballona Creek Bike Path at intersections with existing pedestrian and bike access from Cochran Avenue to the coast.

Acquisition of available parcels adjacent to Ballona Creek and Bike Path, as well tributaries for park development between Lincoln Boulevard and Cochran Avenue.

Develop southern bank of Ballona Creek for pedestrian path from Cochran Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard.

Extension of the existing Ballona Creek bike path from National Boulevard to Cochran Avenue.

Ballona Creek East

Acquire and restore open spaces for the creation of an urban natural habitat park with stormwater quality improvements. MacArthur-Lafayette Area (portion not a part of the Upper LA River Watershed) within 2 miles south of the 101 Freeway, and within 2 miles west of the 110 Freeway

Ballona Creek North

Land acquisition, trail construction and habitat restoration in the following coastal canyon sub watersheds:

a. Accept donations along the Mulholland Scenic Parkway

- b. Laurel - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels.
- c. Benedict - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels.
- d. Beverly Glen - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels
- e. San Ysidro - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted parcels
- f. Peavine - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted.
- g. Mandeville - Acquire donations, dedications, and tax defaulted.

Acquisition and restoration in the following inland canyon tributary watersheds of Malibu Creek within the Santa Monica Mountains:

- a. Carlisle Canyon - Acquire donations and dedication
- b. Triunfo Canyon - Acquire pending dedications and donations.
 - a. Lobo Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications
 - b. Medea Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications.
 - c. Las Virgenes Canyon - Acquire donations and dedications
 - d. Liberty Canyon - Acquire dedications and donations
 - e. Crummer Canyon - acquire dedications east of MRCA Crummer Canyon easement
 - f. Palo Comado Canyon - Accept donations and dedications from the City of Agoura Hill

Acquisition and restoration in the Arroyo Simi watershed:

- g. Arroyo Simi - Acquire in lieu fee riparian mitigation properties
- b. Black Canyon – Pursue and accept donations and dedications north and east of Sage Ranch

- c. Runkle Canyon - Accept pending dedications

Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Montclef Ridge, Tierra Rejada and Santa Rosa Valleys:

- a. Acquire dedications and donations in the designated greenbelt and inter-mountain range wildlife corridor area bounded by the Arroyo Simi, Olsen Road, the 23 Freeway and Madera Road
- b. Implement Reagan Legacy Trail and Wildlife Corridor program from Alamos Canyon to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.
- c. Acquire dedication, donations, and easement interests to maintain the wildlife corridor between the Wildwood Park and the area bounded by Olsen Road, Moorpark Road, the 23 Freeway and Tierra Rejada Road
- d. Acquire dedications, donations, and other land interests in the Las Posas Hills and Santa Rosa Valley in the area bounded by Moorpark Road, the Arroyo Simi, and Santa Rosa Road
- e. Acquire fee simple and easement interests, and dedications and donations in the Montclef Ridge Wildlife Corridor between the Joel McCrea Wildlife Preserve and Wildwood Park and the Arroyo Conejo

Land acquisition and restoration in the following canyons and sub-areas of the Calleguas Creek watershed:

- a. Arroyo Simi tributaries between Happy Camp and Alamos Canyons - accept dedications and acquire fee simple interests.
- b. Acquisition of western portion of Waste Management Land located outside Alamos Canyon drainage.
- c. Alamos - accept dedications and donations and acquire interests from Arroyo Simi to headwaters.
- d. Tapo - accept dedications and donations
- e. Chivo and Las Lajas Canyons - accept donations from small lot subdivisions
- f. Doheny Canyon: Acquire donations and Offers to Dedicate, and restoration of open space.

h. Calleguas Creek

Acquire conservation easements and donations in agricultural lands along Calleguas Creek at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains to the Point Mugu Naval Air Station

Acquire property in the Upper Arroyo Simi in the Los Angeles County Portion of Sulfur Canyon

Acquire easements, fee simple interest, dedications and donations in the, Portrero Valley and Conejo Mountain

Proposed MRCA Budget Augmentation of SMM-0754 Coastal Watersheds of Santa Monica Bay

Expense Type	Proposed Grant Allocation
1. Direct Acquisition Expenses	\$40,000.00
a. Appraisals (Average \$5,000)	
b. Appraisal Reviews (Average \$1,500)	
c. Preliminary Title Reports (\$750 each)	
2. MRCA Staff Time	\$100,000.00
a. 16 Employees (average cost per hour with benefits & overhead, \$51.hour, 1961 hours approximately).	
3. Professional Services, Travel & Miscellaneous Expenses	\$10,000.00
a. Transportation	
b. Acquisition of Digital Aerial Photography	
c. Specialized GIS Software	
d. Fees to reserve Chapter 8 Agreements	
e. Miscellaneous Expenses	
f. Legal Descriptions and Services	
Total	\$150,000.00

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